# New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

# FATAL FACTS



### No. 8775-025

| Accident Type:                        | Fall from height             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Number of Fatalities                  | 1                            |
| Weather Conditions:                   | Dry and Calm                 |
| Type of Operation:                    | Air conditioner installation |
| Size of Work Crew:                    | 2                            |
| Competent Safety Monitor on Site:     | No                           |
| Safety and Health Program in Effect:  | Yes                          |
| Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly: | N/A                          |
| Training and Education Provided:      | No                           |
| Employees Job Titles:                 | Parts Man                    |
| Age & Gender:                         | Male, 28                     |
| Experience at this Type of Work:      | None                         |
| Time on Project:                      | 7 years                      |



### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Two employees were installing a new air conditioning unit on the roof of a building. A hole was created in the roof for the purpose of installing the new unit. While assisting on the roof a worker fell through the opening, suffering fatal injuries when striking the floor 13 feet below.

### **INSPECTION RESULTS**

The investigation resulted in the issuance of one serious citations. The citation was for not providing fixed railings on all exposed sides of the hole, 1910.23(a)(4).

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Fall protection training for all employees.